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In re Application of BIRNBAUM et al :
U.S. Application No.: 10/564,638 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/US2004/018933 :
Int. Filing Date: 15 July 2004 : DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 15 July 2003 :
Attorney Docket No.: A8563 :
For: SOCIAL NETWORK OR IDENTITIES AND :
QUERY METHOD THEREFOR :

This is in response to applicant's "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)" filed 21 August 2007.

BACKGROUND

On 15 July 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/US2004/018933, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 15 July 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 15 January 2006.

On 12 January 2006, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 05 May 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 05 December 2006, applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

On 20 December 2006, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 05 December 2006 petition.

On 20 June 2007, applicant filed a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

On 21 June 2007, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 20 June 2007 petition.

On 21 August 2007, applicant filed the present renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by: (1) an oath or declaration by each applicant on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventors, (2) factual proof that the missing joint inventors refuse to join in the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) the fee set forth in §1.17(i), and (4) the last known addresses of the nonsigning joint inventors.

Petitioner has previously satisfied items (2), (3), and (4) above.

With regard to item (1) above, the declaration filed with the present renewed petition is proper.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 15 July 2004, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 21 August 2007.

As set forth in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the nonsigning inventor at the last known address of record and will be published in the *Official Gazette*.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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Dear Adarbad Master:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-captioned United States national stage application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost set forth in 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you choose to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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